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Honoring the life and legacy of Carl Lutz.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RESOLUTION**

Honoring the life and legacy of Carl Lutz.

Whereas Carl Lutz was born on March 30, 1895, in Walzenhausen, Switzerland, but moved to the United States as a young man;

Whereas Carl Lutz became a diplomat, eventually serving at the Swiss consulate in what was then Mandatory Palestine;

Whereas, in 1942, Carl Lutz was transferred to Budapest, Hungary, where he—

(1) served as the Swiss vice consul until the end of World War II; and

(2) represented countries that had severed diplomatic relations with Hungary because of its German alliance;

Whereas Carl Lutz, upon arrival in Budapest, began to work to help Jews receive Swiss diplomatic protection so they could flee Nazi persecution;

Whereas, in 1944, Carl Lutz received permission to issue protective papers to save 8,000 Jews from deportation, which Lutz determined to mean 8,000 families, not 8,000 individuals;

Whereas Carl Lutz extended Swiss protection to 76 buildings that operated as safe houses for Jewish refugees seeking protection, including a department store called the Glass House, which served as a refuge for up to 3,000 Jews and as a headquarters for the Zionist underground;

Whereas, in November 1944, Carl Lutz and his wife, Trudi Lutz, joined a death march to various concentration camps, pulling Jews out of the line to issue as many protective papers as possible;

Whereas, at the end of World War II, Carl Lutz and his co-conspirators, including his wife, his staff, and the Zionist underground members, saved over 50,000 Jews, which was half of the surviving Jewish population of Budapest; and

Whereas the United States is deeply indebted to Carl Lutz, who was responsible for the largest civilian rescue mission of Jews during World War II: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) honors the life and legacy of Carl Lutz;

3               (2) recognizes that the heroic effort of Carl

4       Lutz went above and beyond the call of duty to save

5       the Hungarian Jews “condemned to die” because he

6       believed it to be a “matter of conscience”; and

1           (3) expresses deep appreciation to Carl Lutz on  
2       behalf of the United States for facilitating the larg-  
3       est civilian rescue mission of Jews during World  
4       War II, saving over 50,000 Jews through the protec-  
5       tive papers and documentation he issued.